

**COCOA POLYPEPTIDES AND THEIR USE IN THE
PRODUCTION OF COCOA AND CHOCOLATE FLAVOR**

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ABSTRACT

The present invention pertains to novel cocoa polypeptides having a molecular weight of about 10 and 14 kDa and being derived from a 69 kDa precursor. In particular, the present invention relates to the production of the polypeptides via recombinant means and the use of the
10 polypeptides or fragments thereof for the production of cocoa/chocolate flavor.